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SBA Shipyard Site PRP Group

Jennings, LA

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Michael Torres United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200 Dallas, TX 75202-2733

RE: Fish Tissue Sampling Work Plan, SBA Shipyard Superfund Site, Jennings, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana (LDEQ AI Number 1478)

Dear Mr. Torres,

The SBA Shipyard Site Potentially Responsible Parties (PRP) Group (referred to herein as SBA PRP Group) is providing the enclosed *Fish Tissue Sampling Work Plan* (Work Plan) for the SBA Shipyard Superfund Site (Site) located in Jennings, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana. The enclosed Work Plan was prepared by EHS Support LLC, on behalf of the PRP Group, in response to comments provided by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), dated April 9, 2020, on the Baseline Human Health Risk Assessment (BHHRA) Work Plan and the BHHRA's updated Conceptual Exposure Model (CEM), dated October 23, 2019.

The primary objective of this supplemental Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) investigation is to assess the potential for human exposure to Site-related constituents from the consumption of recreationally caught fish and crawfish. The fish and crawfish tissue sampling activities proposed within the enclosed Work Plan are intended to satisfy the following objectives:

- Address LDEQ's comment No. 5 on the BHHRA Work Plan and CEM.
- Address LDEQ's request for characterization of organotins in tissue, if warranted based on results of the *Organotins Sediment Sampling Work Plan* (EHS Support, 2021).
- Provide a robust data set to support determination of whether a fish consumption advisory may be warranted.

The enclosed Work Plan was prepared in accordance with the *Protocol for Issuing Public Health Advisories for Chemical Contaminants in Recreationally Caught Fish and Shellfish* (LDHH et al., 2012) and *Tissue Screening Level Guidelines for Issuance of Public Health Advisories for Selected Contaminants and Supporting Documentation* (LDEQ et al., 2012). The proposed technical approach was also discussed with members (or designees) of the Fish Consumption Advisory Committee, including members from the Louisiana Department of Health, LDEQ, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. Interviews with the Fish Consumption Advisory Committee and additional information referenced by the committee members were used to inform the proposed technical approach.

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